

It is thought possible that Christian worship may have begun here early in the 10th century in the small Saxon settlement called Herdeslege. It is known that by about 1100 a small church stood near to the present church entrance.

The Woolhope Papers have recorded this yew on several occasions. In 1866 it was 'one out of several' in this churchyard and in 1904 was described as the 'fine yew at the eastern edge of Eardisley churchyard'.

The papers also recorded girths as follows:

1866: 14ft (no height noted)

1904 : 16ft 1in. (.. ..)

1935 : 16' 11" at 4' and 17' 7" at 5'

In 1999 large quantities of ivy had recently been treated or removed from the healthy male yew, allowing its fine bole and many branches to be seen. Though of solid appearance, the tree is completely hollow, revealed in a single gap 1' wide at the ground and closing over at 2'. An internal stem grows in the hollow. Girth was 18' 10" at the ground, 18' 3" at 3' and 20' 11" at 5'

In 2015 Paul Wood recorded a girth of 19' 2" (5.84m) at the ground. His photos show that ivy is once again beginning to cover sections of the bole.

1999 - Tim Hills



2005 - Geoff Garlick



2015 Paul Wood

